Yosemite's Comfortable Cabins

To the average person, the term "cabin resort" conjures up some dreadful vision of sleeping on the ground and eating from a tin plate. Let it be said here for the benefit of those who will attend the 1922 convention of the Medical Society of the State of California in Yosemite National Park, May 15 to 18, that the trip involves no such hardship or sacrifice of comfort.

"Why it isn't like the mountains at all," exclaimed one woman from the East, a guest at Yosemite Lodge, when she learned that she could have her breakfast, piping-hot, served at her bedside any morning that she desired to give the order.

Such a comment was not intended to mean that the noble cliffs and waterfalls of Yosemite Valley had been ruined by the erection of buildings out of keeping with the natural surroundings; rather, it was a spontaneous compliment to service rendered at the Lodge, fifteen miles from a railroad, service that measured up to standards of city hotels and far exceeded what the visitor had found at mountain resorts in other sections.

Yosemite Lodge is a little city in itself. "A charming colony of redwood cabins under the

men, a beauty parlor with all modern equipment for hairdressing, facial treatment and manicuring for the women. The laundry in the same group offers high-class service, including the cleaning and pressing of clothing.

Every evening there is an entertainment of merit at the Lodge free to all guests. It might be mentioned here that Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn, internationally famous dancers, were among the artists who appeared at the Lodge last year. Every evening except Sunday there is dancing to the music of an excellent orchestra.

A word also should be said about the "cabins" which make up the Lodge's living quarters. Three types of cabins are provided.

The first type is built of redwood in rustic style that harmonizes with the tall pines and spruces around. A generous porch gives entrance to a bedroom with twin beds and other furniture of special design and finish. Dressing room, closet or wardrobe provides ample space for hanging up clothes. The bathroom includes tub, washbasin and sanitary flush toilet of spotless porcelain; in a few of the cabins there are shower baths. Many of these cabins also have screened and curtained sleeping porches on the rear. Electric stoves, 5000 Watts, furnish heat at a turn of the button.



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pines at the foot of Yosemite Falls, the cabins being grouped around a community center of office, dining-room, lounge, writing room, dance pavilian, theater, swimming pool, children's playground, and nightly camp fire" is the description usually given of it.

The Lodge has its own postoffice, the name of which is Yosemite Lodge, Calif., and mail so addressed is delivered direct from trains without the delay of going through the main office in the village, the name of which is Yosemite, California. The Lodge also has its own telegraph station, Yosemite Lodge, Calif., and long distance telephone facilities. Baggage can be checked straight through to Yosemite Lodge.

In the American Plan dining-room of the Lodge, there is individual service for each guest. The dining-room linen is snowy white, and waitresses and bus boys are uniformed in white.

The other public rooms and broad verandas of the Lodge main group need no special mention, but a word should be said here about the services in the swimming pool group, just across the plaza. The pool is 120 feet long, filled with crystal mountain water, which is heated to a comfortable temperature by steam. Suits can be rented. After a plunge, there is a barber ready to serve the American plan, rate \$7.50 per person per day.

Redwood cabins without bath make up the second group. Like the cabins with bath, they are furnished with twin beds. Sliding curtains are arranged so that each cabin, 12 x 14 feet in size, can be divided into two private sleeping compartments and a sitting room. Bowls and pitchers are provided and small stoves burning fragrant cedar or pine wood are used for heating. American plan, rate \$5.50 per person per day.

Canvas cabins form the third group—and do not confuse the Lodge's canvas cabins with tents. Canvas cabins here are all that the name implies—houses with canvas for walls. They are floored, have electric lights, a screened door and six screened windows with awnings and curtains. Furnishings are similar to those in the redwood cabins without baths. European plan, rate (lodging only) \$1.50 per person per day. American plan, rate (with meals in Lodge dining-room) \$5.50 per person per day.

Maid service in all cabins assures plenty of towels and, in the cabins without bath, fresh water also. Hot water for the morning toilet may be had without extra charge by those living in cabins without baths, by leaving number of cabin and hour desired at the office of the Lodge.